

A MONUMENTAL *Gift*

SCULPTOR HAROLD HOLDEN'S BRUSH WITH DEATH

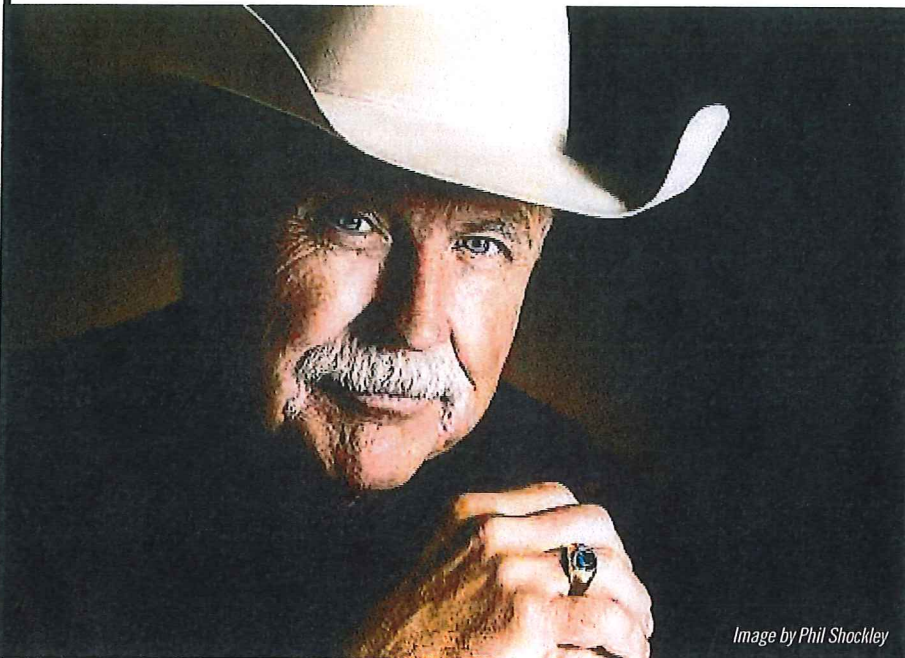


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Harold Holden, Lung Transplant Recipient & "Thank You, Lord" Sculptor

It was the summer of 2010. Pulmonary fibrosis, a debilitating lung disease, had renowned western artist and prolific sculptor **Harold T. Holden** on his deathbed. With only a few weeks left to live, he shut down his studio, settled his accounts and **said goodbye to his loved ones.**

Then the phone rang.

"I was about as close as you get to dying when we got the call," said Holden. Soon he was under the care of a seven-member transplant team at the Nazih Zuhdi Transplant Institute — the **only solid organ comprehensive transplant center in the state.** The new lung breathed the gift of new life into Holden.

"To wake up after surgery with a new lung ... and essentially **be given a second chance** is overwhelming," Holden said.

Today, his **gratitude to God** — and to the team that helped save his life — is enshrined in a donated recasting of Holden's six-foot sculpture, "**Thank You, Lord.**" It stands proudly at the Nazih Zuhdi Transplant Institute.

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